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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FRG AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' SLOW-
DOWN - PARTIAL RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON CHARTER
TRAFFIC

REF: BONN 10405 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANS-
PORT (FMT) HAS APPROVED A NOTICE TO AIRMEN (NOTAM)
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 13, WHICH WILL SOMEWHAT ALLEVIATE THE
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DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON INDIVIDUAL CHAR-

TER FLIGHTS AT FRANKFURT AND DUSSELDORF AIRPORTS.

2. EMBASSY CAA ON AUGUST 14 INQUIRED AT FMT ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ATC SITUATION AND WAS GIVEN BY AVIATION OFFICIAL NIESTER A COPY OF A DRAFT NOTAM, AS FOLLOWS: "EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, CHARTER APPLICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL FLIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF FRANKFURT AND DUSSELDORF WILL BE APPROVED PROVIDED THEIR PROPOSED OPERATING HOURS ARE OUTSIDE THE FOLLOWING PERIODS (ALL TIMES GMT): (A) FRANKFURT DAILY 0645-0845, 0945-1600 AND 1900-2100; (B) DUSSELDORF DAILY 0540-0655, 1720-1830 AND IN ADDITION OUTSIDE THE FOLLOWING PERIODS: THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS 1540-1720; FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS 1400. THIS ARRANGEMENT IS NECESSITATED BY THE PRESENT ATC SITUATION IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY. IT APPLIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND DOES NOT AFFECT CHARTER FLIGHTS BY CARRIERS HAVING THEIR HEAD OFFICE AND MAINTENANCE BASE AT THE CITED AIRPORTS." THE NOTAM MAKES REFERENCE TO NOTAM 948 ISSUED JUNE 8 (BONN 8466) AND THE SUBSEQUENT EXTENSION OF THE RESTRICTIONS ESTABLISHED IN NOTAM 948.

3. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, NIESTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US WOULD SEE THIS ACTION AS A FIRST STEP IN RESPONSE TO USG REPRESENTATIONS FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF CHARTER RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED AT FRANKFURT AND DUSSELDORF ON ALL FOREIGN CARRIERS EFFECTIVE JUNE 8. HE EXPLAINED FURTHER THAT LOCAL REPS OF THE FRG SCHEDULING COORDINATOR ARE CONVINCED THAT (A) AT DUSSELDORF ALL INDIVIDUAL CHARTER FLIGHTS (MOSTLY AFFINITIES) CAN AGAIN BE ACCOMMODATED DURING THESE LOW TRAFFIC PERIODS AND (B) AT FRANKFURT AN APPRECIABLE NUMBER CAN BE BROUGHT BACK IN. NIESTER ADDED THAT EVEN THOUGH AT PRESENT THE SITUATION FROM AN ATC DELAY POINT OF VIEW WAS ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE PEAK TRAVEL SEASON AND THAT LUFTHANSA HAS GREATLY REDUCED ITS SCHEDULES, IT WAS STILL NECESSARY FROM A TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW TO "PHASE BACK IN" GRADUALLY. HE ALSO FELT THAT THE FRG COULD NOT OVERLOOK THE DANGER OF ADVERSE CONTROLLER REACTION IF THE FRG SHOULD SUDDENLY RESCIND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL OF THE MEASURES IMPOSED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, WHILE TALKS AT THE INTER-MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON THE ATC SLOWDOWN ARE GETTING UNDERWAY NEXT WEEK.

4. NIESTER ASSURED THE CAA THAT PERIODIC REVIEWS OF THE SITUATION WOULD TAKE PLACE AND THAT THE REMAINING RESTRICTIONS ON AIRPORT OPERATIONS WOULD BE LIFTED WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

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